



NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING APRIL 20, 2025

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: New Mexico faced another week of warm temperatures and minimal precipitation, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Producers in Rio Arriba County reported some moisture in the form of rain and snow this week, reporting that high mountain peaks received up to 4 inches of snow. The cold temperatures, however, did hurt apricots that were blooming in the county according to reports. Union County producers reported no precipitation this week, although pastures were still greening up but minimal growth was reported. Reports from Dona Ana County indicated high winds exceeding 50 miles per hour, according to producers.

Information from the National Integrated Drought Information System indicated that temperatures ranged from average to 3 degrees above average for most of the State. Precipitation was scarce for most of the State this week except the northwest corner which did receive some moisture. With minimal moisture received for much of the State, drought conditions are worsening. According to the U.S. Drought Monitor released on April 17, exceptional drought (D4) conditions now cover approximately 4.2 percent of the state, up from 2.5 percent of the State last week. Extreme drought (D3) covers approximately 29.3 percent of State, compared to 31 percent of the State last week. Severe drought (D2) conditions covered roughly 46.7 percent of the State, compared to roughly 45 percent last week. Moderate drought (D1) conditions covered approximately 18.1 percent of the State, compared to 19 percent last week, and abnormally dry (D0) conditions covered approximately 1.8 percent of the State, compared to roughly 2 percent last week. The New Mexico SNOTEL data released on April 20th now has all basins below 50 percent of normal snowpack. The San Juan basin was reported at 47 percent of normal and the Rio Chama-Upper Rio Grande was reported at 25 percent of normal. The remaining 3 basins are all below 10 percent of normal snowpack – the Canadian basin is at 7 percent, the Lower Rio Grande basin is at 5 percent and the Pecos basin is at 2 percent.

Hay and roughage supplies were reported as 13 percent very short, 29 percent short, and 58 percent adequate, compared with 29 percent very short, 52 percent short, 18 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Stock water supplies were reported as 19 percent very short, 30 percent short, and 51 percent adequate, compared with 38 percent very short, 40 percent short, 21 percent adequate, and 1 percent surplus last year. Freeze damage in all crops was reported as 4 percent moderate, 9 percent light, and 87 percent none, compared with 2 percent light and 98 percent none last year. Hail damage in all crops was reported as 2 percent moderate, 4 percent light, and 94 percent none, compared with 100 percent none last year. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 8 percent moderate, 37 percent light, and 55 percent none, compared with 3 percent moderate, 7 percent light, and 90 percent none last year.

NOTE: The Crop-CASMA (**C**rop **C**ondition and **S**oil **M**oisture **A**nytics) for Root Zone Moisture can be accessed at [www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/New Mexico](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico) by clicking on Crop Progress & Condition. For this data product, the root zone is defined as the top 3.2 feet of soil (approximately 1 meter).

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
1 st cutting harvested	26	15	18	11
Chile				
Planted	44	33	62	63
Emerged	16	13	31	22
Corn				
Planted	15	8	18	18
Emerged	5	NA	--	NA
Cotton				
Planted	18	11	21	18
Winter wheat				
Headed	10	5	19	13
Cattle and calves				
Cows calved	70	65	79	73
Receiving supplemental feed.....	61	66	81	83
Sheep and lambs				
Ewes lambled	80	63	61	72
Receiving supplemental feed.....	71	83	77	75
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.2	6.5	6.8	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	53	56	28	37
Short	42	36	53	40
Adequate	5	8	16	22
Surplus	--	--	3	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	67	73	37	42
Short	30	25	51	41
Adequate	3	2	11	16
Surplus	--	--	1	1
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	3	--	6
Poor	6	10	--	5
Fair	39	31	54	40
Good	52	50	28	41
Excellent.....	2	6	18	8
Onions				
Very Poor.....	--	NA	--	NA
Poor	--	NA	--	NA
Fair	--	NA	10	NA
Good.....	47	NA	36	NA
Excellent	53	NA	54	NA
Pasture and range				
Very Poor.....	21	25	34	19
Poor	28	32	40	25
Fair	34	25	18	38
Good.....	11	12	7	15
Excellent	6	6	1	3
Winter wheat				
Very poor.....	4	4	22	27
Poor	15	8	45	30
Fair	20	20	24	24
Good	2	2	2	9
Excellent.....	59	66	7	10
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	2	6	2	5
Poor	15	10	22	12
Fair	23	21	48	36
Good	25	20	18	33
Excellent.....	35	43	10	14
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	6
Poor	9	2	17	8
Fair	35	44	48	38
Good	54	52	30	38
Excellent.....	1	1	5	10
NA – not available				
(--) – zero				